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THE SITUATION IN THE ORIENT.

FROM Shantung back to old Kong Chang,
From Ting Ling to Ding Dong,
From Kin Chau out to great Go Bang,
From Ping up to Sing Song;

In all the verdant valley where
The Hoang Ho rolls free,
Among the scented gardens fair
Kissed by the great Yang Tse;

From Pooh Pooh to the heights of Sin,
In Whoop-Pee's sleepy bowers,
The Chinaman is taking in
The concert of the Powers.

W. G. Brooks.



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STIMULATES THOUGHT.

SAM.—Golly! It's sing'ler how a rooster crowin' affeks me!
It beats all de tonics in de worl' fer givin' a felier an appetite!

A CASE OF MUST.

"The boss," said the politician, "will keep his hands off. What the convention does, he wants done spontaneously."

"Oh! does he?" said the other party. "Then, I suppose, the delegates will have to do it that way."

FRAIL HUMAN NATURE.

IKKEY.—Fader, do you t'ink it vos true dot effery man has his brice?

HIS FATHER.—Vell, a good many of dem has; undt, vot 's more, dey can be Chewed down.

A GOOD LOCATION.

"Put not your trust in princes,"
The poet used to tell;
We don't; 't is found by magnates
New Jersey answers well.

INDISPENSABLE.

FIRST CITIZEN.—We are sending missionaries in constantly increasing numbers to all parts of the globe.

SECOND CITIZEN.—Yes, indeed! Come to think of it, we do need a larger army!



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THE EAGLE.—Say, old man! you want to put out the "Standing Room Only" sign.



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EVERYTHING ARRANGED.

SHE. — Have you everything planned for our elopement, George?

HE. — Everything, darling; everything! We will get married at Niagara, write home the news from Montreal, at London write a letter for forgiveness, and from Paris we will cable for cash to get back home again!

HIS REPLY.

GRABBNHEIMER. — T'ink apoudt it, mein friendt; only sefen tollar undt a kevarter for such a suidt uv glodes as dot! Dey vill not last long at dot price.

FARMER MEDDERGRASS. — I 'm willin' to yum that they won't last long at any price, neighbor!

THE DIFFERENCE.

LITTLE ELMER (*a thoughtful lad*). — Papa, what is the difference between a patriot and a politician?

PROFESSOR BROADHEAD. — Why, the former does it for fun, and the latter for the money there is in it.

ACTIONS, ETC.

Actions speak louder, too, than looks?

Perhaps there 's no reply exact,
Though girls who look like thirty cents,
Often quite like sixty act.



ANOTHER OCTOPUS.

FIRST POPULIST. — By gum! I think this is about the wust scheme yet.

SECOND POPULIST. — What is it?

FIRST POPULIST. — It says here there 's a new company bein' formed to turn the hull atmosphere into liquid air an' then charge us fer turnin' it back ag'in so we kin breathe.

POLITE.

She sat in his lap in a cable-car
And her language I won't repeat;
She blushed and arose, and he said: "Beg Par-
Don; pray do keep your seat."

A HOSTESS ON PARADE.

"What was it Myrtilla did that was so dreadful?"

"Why, our literary club met at her house, and she wanted to show her new hat, so she wore it."



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AN UNDOUBTED CHAMPION.

WEARY WILLY. — Dat 's our golf champion.

NEW RECRUIT. — Wot 's his record?

WEARY WILLY. — He 's stole ten clubs, four balls, two caps and six medals in four weeks!

IT IS well to remember that closing one's eyes to facts does not impair other people's vision.

THE DISSOLUTION OF NEEDLE & THRED; OR, THE STORY OF A FORCED MISFIT.

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Mr. Kneedle.—A new suit, Mr. Small? Yes? I have goods here I know will suit you exactly.

JUST THE REVERSE.

By footlight fairies now upset
Our solar systems are,
For every night you 'll see a son
Revolve around a star.

IN THE INTERIOR.

FIRST CITIZEN.—What do they mean by a protected cruiser?

SECOND CITIZEN.—I dunno, exactly. May be it's one that ain't built by foreign pauper labor.

HE HAD HEARD OF IT.

SHE.—Of course, you have heard of the theory that Bacon wrote Shakspeare's plays?

CHOLLY.—Aw—yes—aw—the idea is that Shakspeare was Bacon's *nom de plume*, is it not?

WHEN IT comes time for the last trump of the archangel, we presume some arrangement will have been made for the suppression of the encore fiend.



"Now, what do you think of that for a swell thing? You like it? I thought you would. One moment; I will take your measure.

(An hour later).—"Ah! good afternoon, Mr. Bigger! A new suit? Well, I have something stunning. I will please you. Now, what do you think of that?"



MR. THRED (the next Wednesday).—So you called to try on your new suit, Mr. Small? Really, I don't know which is your suit; my partner, Mr. Kneedle, is out. Do you see it?

MR. SMALL.—Yes; there it is. I know the goods.



"Now, what do you think of that for a swell thing? You like it? I thought you would. One moment; I will take your measure.



MR. THRED.—All right! Just step in there and put it on. I will call the cutter and have him make any necessary alterations.



MR. KNEEDEE (in paroxysm of anger).—You blundering, block-headed, mud-brained, idiot! You must have been dopey when you measured him. The suit looked as if it had been made for a man weighing three hundred pounds. The cutter has to take it all apart and cut away half the goods.

PEOPLE WE MEET.

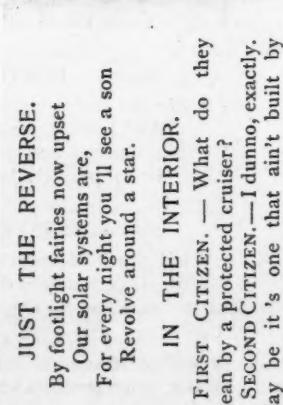
"Joe Gibbs is one of those irreligious canters."

"Irreligious canters?"

"Yes; he seems to want as much credit for being irreligious as some people want for being religious."



"Now, what do you think of that for a swell thing? You like it? I thought you would. One moment; I will take your measure.



MR. KNEEDEE (entering a few hours later).—Did Mr. Small call to try on his suit?

MR. THRED (angrily).—Did he call? Well, I guess! You must have been dopey when you measured him. The suit looked as if it had been made for a man weighing three hundred pounds. The cutter has to take it all apart and cut away half the goods.



A PROPOSITION.

FIRST PORCUPINE.—You 've heard of Shakspeare's allusion to the "fretful porcupine?"

SECOND PORCUPINE.—Yes. What of it?

FIRST PORCUPINE.—Well, it occurred to me that we might start a "Don't Worry" club.



"Yes, it will make you a handsome suit. Now for your measure. That is all, thank you! Please call next Thursday and try it on."

OF ACHIEVEMENT.

All are architects of fate;
Some build mansions, grand and great,
Others find their small plot needs
Just a life-long fight with weeds.

EDUCATIONAL.

"Oh, yes!" said the Wild Parrot; "I always take the children to the golf links if the afternoon is fair. A fat business man is learning to play, and the language he uses is a liberal education!"

A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

"The true poet, I suppose, writes poetry because he simply can't help it." "Yes; and it seems to follow that nobody should write poetry who can help it."

THE USUAL RESULT.

YOUNG ENOCH (who has an inquiring mind).—Paw when you drop a nickel into one o' them slot-machines what happens?

FARMER BENTBACK (who has been there).—Ye see how easy it is for a durn fool to lose five cents!

NOT AMUSED.

UNCLE JABEZ.—On, no! everybody ain't laughin' at Reuben for buyin' the green goods. He wishes everybody was.

UNCLE HIRAM.—How's that?



UNCLE JABEZ.—Well, his wife ain't.

TOO GOOD A FIT.

MERCHANT.—Vhy, dey fit you like der paper on der vall!

CUSTOMER (trying on suit).—By gum!

That's just how they feel!

MERCHANT (eagerly).—Den you will take dem?

CUSTOMER.—Wall, not much! I want a suit that 'll fit me like clothes on a man — not paper on a wall!

PEACE HATH her victories, but war does more advertising.



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ONE ON THE MONK.

THE MONKEY.—Aw, git out! You're a big lobster!

THE ELEPHANT (*hotly*).—Don't you call me a lobster—you can't make a monkey of me!

THE "BIG-HEAD."

FOR ALL the maladies that prey upon sufferin' humanity," said the Old Codger, somewhat sarcastically, "the most prevalent and pusillanimous is that bloatin' disease, the I-am-better-than-you-gotism, commonly known as the 'Big-head.'

"As a rule, the less genuine provocation therefor a person has the more puffed up he is with conceit. An entirely inconsequential man joins a lodge and gets elected High Ram of the Rankitank, or Worshipful Grand

Kack of the Innocuous Order of Incurable Imbeciles, and, lo! he will scarcely bathe in the same ocean with the rest of us. An irresponsible editor of an E-flat newspaper stultifies some hitherto-harmless dub as 'the Hon.', and he presently quits work and goes to posin' in a supposedly-statesmanlike attitude on the corner by the First National Bank, and is totally valueless forever after. A well meanin' young man accumulates a little dab of education, a slight acquaintance with the ologies, and a school to teach; in an evil hour somebody calls him 'Professor,' and ere long he is weighted down with the idea that when he dies Wisdom will be buried with him.

"The very young doctor, with his mighty burden of medical-Latin and his awful self-confidence—I always pity humanity when I see him pompous down the street, with a brow on him that bulges like the back of a snappin'-turtle and a look of profundity that would put to shame a treeful of owls. And it is something to make a thoughtful man shudder to see the very young doctor shake hands with the very young lawyer—that grand, gloomy and peculiar youth—and reflect how powerless we are against either of them. The mistakes of the former are destined to be buried six feet under the sod and those of the latter hung up about the same distance above it, and in both instances they are hopelessly beyond rectification. Thus it is that in the hands of some people the Big-head is often dangerous, as well as always annoyin'.

"A certain family is puffed with pride b'cuz they have on their faces the distinctive nose of their particular tribe, an unbeautiful protuberance handed down to them from some remote, and, very likely, malodorous ancestor. A churn-shaped lady is transmogrified, by an imaginative woman's-page writer, into a handsome and-so-forth society leader, and ever after carries her head as high and haughtily as a giraffe. Who is there who is not acquainted with at least one chronic dyspeptic who goes around

proudly boastin' that his disease causes him to endure the torments of the —er-h'm!—gosh-darned?

"I once knew a sere and yellow maiden, with a face on her that made you want to call for help every time you saw it, who walked with all the stiffness of a frozen skeleton, simply b'cuz she had traced her ancestry back to some feller that came over in the *Mayflower*. I always had a lively suspicion that, if she took after him to any great extent in the matter of looks, it was more likely that he came over at a different date and in a cage; but, anyhow, she was so proud of the relationship that a common person who lingered fifteen minutes in her immediate vicinity usually acquired a violent cold.

"A previously-worthy imbecile works off a litter of verses onto a purblind editor, and insists upon bein' petted and cuddled all the rest of his natural life. A titterin' girl is flattered by sundry titterin' idiots of the opposite sex, and is accused by a newspaper of bein' beautiful and accomplished; and, behold you! she speedily grows ashamed of her lumpy old father, and a young man who don't happen to be either rich or a romantic liar can scarcely hand her a ripe peach on the end of a pole. And so it goes.

"The malady rages everywhere except among those who have some excuse for sufferin' from it. A poor, petty nobody is hugely hiked up b'cuz he is the second cousin of a man who is somebody, but when you meet Second Cousin Somebody, who really is something, you find him extremely docile and inoffensive. The man who actually is important—the wise statesman, the mighty soldier, the good and grand philanthropist, the great admiral; the men who work for the betterment and protection of their fellows, the men whose fame reaches to the four corners of the earth, and whose names are borne by myriads of soiled babies, triflin' dogs, and doubtful cigars—

these men are modest, unassumin', and without aggravatin' pretensions.

"Only those who know much know enough to know that they don't know all there is to be known; it is only the really great who do not try to be impressive—the rest of us waste much valuable time in tryin' to get our fellow-men to form opinions of us which we do not deserve."

Tom P. Morgan.



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THE SIGNIFICANCE.

PERCY.—I dreamt last night that you had accepted me. What does that dream signify?

EDITH.—That you will marry me!

PERCY.—Ah! And when?

EDITH.—When you dream again!

SOME SOCIAL OBSERVANCES.

THE CALL.

THE COMMON or ordinary call is a mingling of pleasure and duty—of pleasure when we are referring to it in the presence of the one called upon, and of duty when we are talking to ourselves. It lies at the root of all social impulses. It is the foundation stone of Society. The lamentations of Mrs. Noah have not been recorded, but we know how badly she must have felt after that little freshet that took place some paltry centuries ago, to think there was no one left to send out cards to. Mrs. Noah, so to speak, had to raise her own callers, and then she was too old to enjoy calling as it ought to be enjoyed. When Mrs. Shem or Mrs. Japhet dropped in and remarked how pretty the artificial flowers in the glass case in the parlor were, and whether they were picked fresh that morning, Mrs. Noah no doubt had not the youthful vein of sarcasm to reply in a way that would show her caller the measure of her appreciation of something which she knew was intended to make her uncomfortable.

Since Mrs. Noah's time, women have gone on making calls more or less frequently, and men have avoided them, with much the same dogged persistence that has marked a Columbus or a Carlyle.

A man's idea about making a call is that it is one of the best and finest and most desirable and easiest things not to do; and he believes this a good deal more than he does religion or politics. The proposition in logic that all men are not callers,—Jones is not a caller, therefore Jones is a man,—is a fundamental axiom, and no one but a woman would ever think of contradicting it. The only time when the average man takes a genuine pleasure in a call is when he holds four aces.

The average woman, on the other hand, is a caller by nature, temperament, tradition, premeditated design and inclination. She not only calls to show what she herself has on, but also to find out if what the other woman has on is any better—thus killing two birds with one stone. The ordinary call is also to her a social training school, whereby she learns to talk without thinking. It is easier to talk without thinking when one is in a crowd, all doing the same thing, but one is apt to become self-conscious where there is only one other listening, and this in itself is good practice.

A call is not properly a call when there are more than two participants.



ACCOUNTED FOR.

EDITH.—They say he is independently rich.
ETHEL.—Ah! Then he must be a bachelor.



HE REMINDS HER.

THE WIFE (to guest).—In all the neighborhood there is not such another tippler as thou!

HER HUSBAND.—Gently, Dame, gently! Remember, he is not thy husband!

It then becomes a community of insipidity and is on the edge of being a function.

Among women, the common or ordinary call is complete when two women meet for twenty minutes to decide (1) which one has the better clothes; (2) which one has the better husband; and (3) which one has the better servant. It is then time to go.

HIS ENTHUSIASM.

“I'll be gol-popped if the editor of the *Plaindealer* ain't an enthusiastic cuss!” ejaculated honest Farmer Meddergrass, upon his return from an afternoon's stay in town.

“What makes ye think so, Lyman?” asked his good wife.

“Why, I heard in the village to-day that he was the recipient last week of an anonymous letter of a most insultin' kind, which caused him to start in to lick the whole yumm'd town that the writer of the note might not go unpunished. And they told me that he had n't met with any more serious opposition than a black eye and a skinned nose, so far.”



CANDOR.

DEACON WATERS (severely).—Have you one single thing that you can honestly call your own?

SOILED SPOONER.—
Yep; me t'irst!

DURING A WESTERN CYCLONE.

“How de do? What county do you hail from?”

THE PERSON who lives on hope is seldom troubled with obesity.

A LIGHT HEART is a blessing, except, perhaps, when it results from a light head.

THE FACT that money does not make the man seldom worries the man who is trying to make the money.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE ITALIAN MALADY.

THE ANARCHIST scare is running its regular course. The plot to rid the world of all its kings is exposed daily, the anarchists themselves being usually obliging enough to tell its secret details to the reporters. This is followed by reports of the extraordinary precautions taken to hedge this or that monarch from attack, and by spirited editorial demands that extreme measures be devised to stamp out the evil once for all. But pretty soon the talk dies out with the interest and no more is heard of anarchy until society hatches another freak, with the spirit of a Saviour and the mind of an ape, to offer himself for sacrifice. King Humbert is said to have remarked on the occasion of a former attempt to kill him that it was "one of the risks of the King business." He might have added that the King of Italy was exposed to more such risks than almost any other ruler; and that this condition would continue so long as Italy's governmental policy remains what it is. Government is the art of determining to a nicety the degree of imposition to which a majority of the people will submit. To go wide of the mark on either side is fatal. The Italian government has always overvalued the people's insensibility as a factor in this calculation. Italy is a fertile, generous land, tilled by a people to whom patient hard work and economy have all the authority of religion. But the Government has made the mistake of not leaving them enough of their earnings to live on, producing the combination of one of the richest countries and one of the poorest peoples that we know. This is the condition that spawns the killing anarchist; his stomach is never full enough to let him be a mere doctrinaire. And if it is n't convenient to kill his own King he would just as soon kill another. Kings are all alike to him. Carnot, Canovas, Elizabeth and Humbert were all killed by Italians. But the Government of Italy was the real criminal in every case. Either that Government must readjust itself, or other Governments will sooner or later have to do the job for it in sheer self-defence. Police surveillance will avail nothing—unless the police learn how to club an empty stomach full.

TWO BROOKLYN REFORMERS.

ALDERMAN BYRNE of Brooklyn has had a change of heart or mind or something. He was going to pass a law to keep hand-organs and pianos off the streets; and now he is n't going to. If a popular vote could be taken we suspect there would be a rousing majority for the retention of these vehicles of harmony. Many of us pretend to scorn their strains; but, if we were put to the test, we should probably elect not to banish them, out of a fine consideration for the masses, whose musical appetite is of course hopelessly vulgar, but who have, after all, a right to appease it. Nor can we admit the menace to public morality alleged to result from street pianos by another Brooklyn Alderman, Mr. Bridges. This gentleman has been told that little girls assemble and dance to the music. "They dance immoral in New York," says the chaste but unclassic Bridges, "and hold up their skirts and do the cancan." But may not Mr. Bridges be over-timid in the cause of virtue? We, at any rate, have for some years been gazing without shame at the scene which he aims to describe. Nay, we have on divers occasions, unblushingly subsidized the engineer and fireman of a street piano for no less a purpose than to provoke such dancing. For Mulberry street under PUCK's windows is the playground of eighty or ninety little girls, who live in compact layers in the tenement house opposite, and have no other place to play. And they all dance all the time, much as if they really had something to be happy about, but especially do they dance when there is music. We had not suspected that they dance "immoral" nor do we believe it now. True, a three-and-a-half or a four-year-old will now and then display a rather suggestive

abandon in the fillip of her skirts and the tossing of her heels, but possibly she means nothing wickeder than joy by it, and we are credibly assured by an observant traveler that the general effect is not that of the *Moulin Rouge*. As for the older dancers, girls of six and seven and eight, we have never beheld sterner decorum, nor a more self-conscious and truly affecting modesty. Further, we learn upon careful inquiry, that these little girls without exception bear unblemished reputations in the neighborhood in which they reside. Of course, they may grow up to go to barge-picnics up the Hudson, and to the "Grand Mask & Civic Ball of the P. J. Clancy Association—Ticket admitting Lady and Gent, 50 cents," but that is another batch of trouble. We wish these Brooklyn reformers would investigate a little before they try to make something of New York. Low-priced tickets to this city may always be had from gentlemanly agents at the other end of the bridge, night or day.

CHINESE METHODS IN OHIO.

WHILE THE Chinese plan for suppressing heresy is to be reprobated as they practice it, we are not necessarily debarred from copying what there may be of worth in the principle. We note that the good people of Mansfield, Ohio, are gifted with the breadth of view necessary to the enjoyment of this advantage. Two Elders of the Zion Church having gone among them to spread the glad tidings of the Zion gospel, the prominent citizens of the town, after storming the barricade of the heretics, took them captives, removed their clothing and applied a liberal coat of paint to their bodies. The paint was blue, though whether this was the result of some esoteric symbolism or of blind chance, we are not informed. The point is that the Chinese theory is found worthy of trial by a Christian community. It seems all to depend upon who puts it into practice. No doubt it will prove efficacious and redound to the glory of God in Mansfield, Ohio. When there are so many comfortable creeds, we certainly should not care to join a church where you incurred the risk of being painted blue by your enthusiastic and contrary-minded neighbors. It smacks of ultra-ritualism.

SOME LIVELY BILL-POSTING.

FIRST BOXER.—This European concert seems to be quite an extensive affair. At least, it is doing some elaborate advertising.

SECOND BOXER.—Yes; I understand, however, that this is to be its farewell tour in this country.

PERHAPS NOT.

"The husband of the Dowager Empress, of course, is dead."

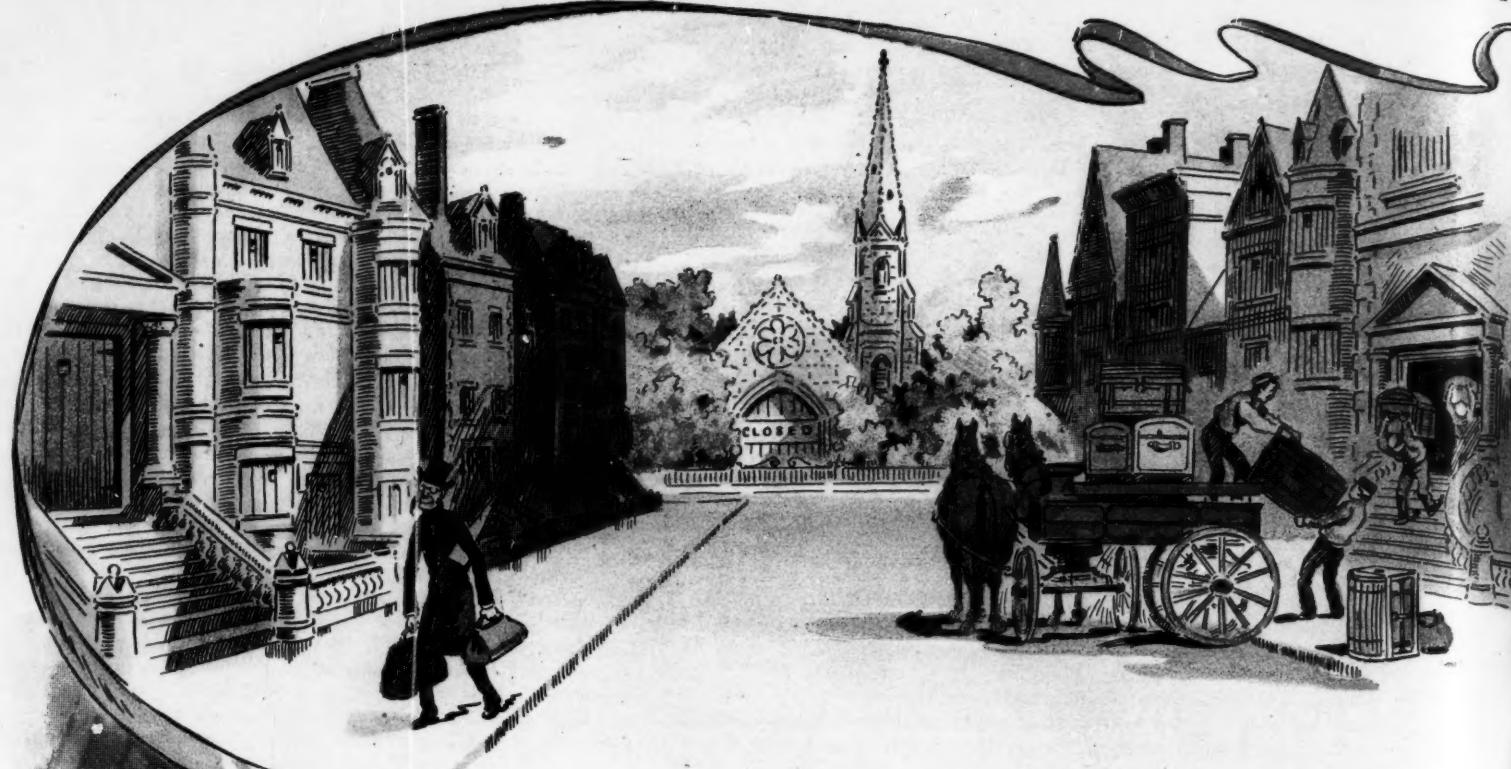
"Oh, well! I suppose he does n't object to that."



NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

NEWLYWED.—What is the right thing to do when your wife asks you for money and you have n't got it?

OLETIMER.—Oh! there is no right thing to do under those circumstances! Anything you do will be wrong!



AUGUST IN MADISON AVE.



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ONE REASON I FLOUR

WHY THE "BETTER ELEMENT" NEVER HAPPENS TO GET A

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AUGUST IN MULLIGAN ALLEY.



THE WARD POLITICIAN MAKING "DIVES" POPULAR.

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ON IN FOUR TABLEAUX.

ER HAPPY TO GET A POPULAR VOTE IN NEW YORK CITY.



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HIS PREFERENCE.

SHE.—I think, if I ever killed a man, his face would haunt me as long as I lived.

HE.—Well, even so, Ma'am, I'd rather have him haunt me than have to start in hauntings him!

THE TROUBLES IN CHINA.

LETTER OF AH HOW NOW, NEW YORK, TO AH BOW WOW, SHANGHAI.

MY DEAR HEATHEN FRIEND:—



I know that you, as a patriotic Chinaman, must be deeply interested in what is going on in our beloved country; and, of course, being a sensible man, you can't believe anything you hear in Shanghai. Therefore, I thought it might be well to send you, from time to time, an account of the progress of events in China, gathered from the afternoon extras and other reliable sources of information in New York.

Of course, you are aware that it is a long time since the Western nations began sending missionaries to China. You see, the Christians were not having much luck in converting one another, so they thought they'd try it on somebody else. Besides, they never came anywhere near practising the doctrines they preached, and they wanted to see if other folks could do any better. At least, that is the way it looks to a heathen like me. Well, the missionaries, in some leisure hours, when they were not saving souls, wrote home their views of the commercial possibilities of the country, and some British missionaries mentioned that the Chinese Government would not permit the importation of opium. The British opium traders were very indignant and the British Government shook its head sadly and decided that it must have an open door for opium. France took a hand on general principles, being very fond of a fight in those days, and the result was that China had to admit opium and cough up some real estate.

The missionaries increased in number, and, as time went on, the natives began to be apprehensive. "The first thing we know," said some of the more thoughtful Chinese, "this once happy land will be torn by dissensions over the higher criticism. We'll be struggling with questions of predestination and infant damnation and the revision of the creed. We'll be reading that the Reverend Mr. Wing Wung is being tried for heresy and that the presbytery, or whatever you call it, does n't know whether it is wise to split the party—I should say the church—by convicting him. We'll be shocked to hear that the superintendent of the Chow Chow Sunday School has gone off with the funds of the local bank.

We'll be holding church fairs and getting skinned out of our last tael by moon-eyed young ladies who will make us take chances on crazy quilts and tons of coal and banjos, and goodness knows what. We'll be playing progressive euchre, or perhaps we'll institute a game of progressive fan tan. We'll have church picnics which will invariably be spoiled by rain. We'll have sewing circles and our wives and daughters will make clothes for the Hottentots, even though we may need patches on our own. Our women will find out how much their shoes are envied by their Western sisters and will insist that they can wear two sizes smaller."

Now, these opinions—sound enough, it must be admitted—spread through the land and gave rise to an agitation against the missionaries. Unfortunately, two German missionaries were mobbed

in Shantung, whereupon the Kaiser gave an additional twist to his mustache and annexed a million Chinamen, more or less. And Russia began to build the Siberian railroad. And we had that unfortunate quarrel with Japan, which gave everybody the impression that we were the easiest proposition on the map. And the only thing that worried the Powers was that when we came to be parceled out, somebody else would get too much. But just then the Boxers appeared on the scene.

But the mail is closing and I must reserve further information for another letter.

AN INFERENCE.

FIRST BOXER.—The Allies are still acting in harmony.

SECOND BOXER.—Good! Then they have n't whipped us yet.

SHE MIGHT HAVE TO STAY THERE.

PUCKOGRAPH.—LXVI.

A HAS-BEEN WHO WANTS TO BE AGAIN.

FIRST ENGLISHMAN.—

But, since Russia wished to put down the Boxer movement in China, why should not the Powers have allowed her to do so?

SECOND ENGLISHMAN.—Because after putting it down she might find it necessary to keep it down.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

BENNET.—Have the Chinese made any important discoveries in recent years?

NEARPASS.—Why, yes! They have discovered that the European Powers want the earth.

RESENTED.

FRIEND.—He says you are in your prime.

MRS. BROWN.—The idea! I'm not as old as that!



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PUCK SUGGESTS A BATHING SUIT FOR STOUT LADIES.

WHEN PA GOES UP TO TOWN.



“**A** GETS up awful early, 'long 'bout three or four o'clock,
And wakes the hired man so he can milk and feed the stock,
And lights the kitchen fire then, and grinds the coffee mill,
And bangs the pots and lids around the stove just fit to kill!
And when she's put the mush pan on and set the table chairs,
She stands down at the kitchen-door and calls to me upstairs:
“Now, Bob, just you get up to once and dress and hurry down;
There's lots to do this morning, for Pa's going up to town!”

“**T** won't do to lie a-bed such times; obedience is best;
And so I rummage in the dark and pretty soon I'm dressed;
And when I get downstairs there's Pa a-stompin' round the place,
Because the water ain't got hot for him to shave his face.
And Ma, she sets me luggin' wood, and Sis, she comes down late
Just awful cross; and Ma, she says, indignant-like: “Now, Kate,
There ain't no use your being cross. You'd better tell young Brown
To stay away the night before your Pa goes up to town!”

Then Pa he cuts an awful gash, and Ma says serves him right;
“There ain't no sense in trying for to shave by candle light.”
And Pa he swears and kicks the cat, and Ma she bustles round
And gets some spider's web and stuff and plasters up the wound;
And then the mush it goes and burns 'cause no one's watchin' it,
And Ma she grabs it off the stove just like she had a fit.
“Good gracious, Kate! I s'pose you'd stand and watch the house burn down!
It does seem like you'd help a bit when Pa goes up to town!”

Pa hurries through his breakfast, 'cause there ain't much time to spare,
And growls, because the coffee's weak, as cross as any bear;
Sis says she "is n't hungry;" Ma, she sniffs and stirs her cup,
And Jerry he comes in and says Pa'd better hurry up.

* * *
And when they're gone I sneak away out to the barn and crawl
Into the mow and burrow down 'way over nigh the wall;
And there I lie and sleep and sleep till dinner time comes roun'.
Gee! home's a mighty restful place when Pa's gone up to town!

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GETTING HIM INTERESTED.

TEACHER.—Ikey, how many apples are eleven apples and thirteen apples?

IKEY GRABSTEIN.—I don't know.

TEACHER.—Well, can you tell me how many dollars are thirteen dollars and eleven dollars?

IKEY GRABSTEIN (*quickly*).—Twenty-four!

RETAIL METHODS.

“Bah!” said the political boss; “these hypnotists make me tired.”

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HIS MISAPPREHENSION.

FARMER HONK.—I hear tell that that long-necked young city feller that is boardin' with you has got pajamas?

FARMER SUMMERTIME.—It's a durned lie! He's been at our house nearly two weeks now, an' he ain't drank a drop all the time.

STRIKING BACK.

“I tell you, Congressman Grabmore is a fierce partisan of the Administration's.”

“What has he done?”

“Introduced a bill providing that the government publish a colored supplement to the *Congressional Record* in which to caricature its caricaturers.”

WAS DONE.

STRUCKOYLE.—I suppose while you were in Paris you did as the Parisians did?

NEWRICH (hotly).—Do you mean to call me a robber?

BUT IN repeating herself History has her choice among a large repertoire of previous stunts.

WHEN IT comes to keeping a secret, men are worse than women!—with regard to the secret of success.



BREAD ON THE WATERS.

“De minister gimme a nickel.”
“He did? An' what yer gwine ter do wif it?”
“Oh! I done gib it to Mammy to play policy fer me!”

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SHE HAS NO CHANCE.

MISS GILGAL (*reading*).—"A girl in Pennsylvania has saved an express train from destruction by taking off her red petticoat and waving it as a signal."

MISS TENSPOT.—Oh, dear! I could never do anything heroic like that!

"Why not?"

"Because I don't wear red petticoats." — *Detroit Free Press*.



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They sent us to the Philippines to kill some niggers there!

An' now 't is sort o' rumored -- kind o' floatin' on the breeze --
They're billin' us to Pekin for to lick the durned Chinese.
I don't object to Dagos -- ner to niggers, five or six; --
But when it comes to Chinamen I want to raise some kicks.

Great-gran'dad fit at Bunker Hill an' giv the red-coats Cain;
An' Gran'pap Jones, he left a leg back there at Lundy's Lane;
An' Pa, he was at Gettysburg; -- I'll bet a nary one
Had reckoned that away off here I'd lug around a gun!

The eagle's seen some funny sights; he's gittin' fur from home --
Much further than old Jefferson expected that he'd roam.
He's pretty nervy -- but, by jinks! although, of course, he's tough,
I dunno how his stomick stands all this here foreign stuff.

At firs' 't was only Cuby. Then we tuk 'im west by east
Till he was 'bout as seasick as you ever see a beast!
An' now he's got so gol-durn fur that, re'ly, I suppose,
It does n't make no diff'rence jes' exactly where he goes.

Edwin L. Sabin.

THE fellow who rides along without holding to his handle-bars is a smart aleck, and will break his neck sooner or later. This is written from the standpoint of a fellow who can't do it. — *Indianapolis News*.

"TALK ortn't to be relied on too much," said Uncle Eben. "'T ain't necessarily de man dat made de mos' New Year's resolutions dat's goin' ahead livin' de mos' orderly an' 'spectable." — *Washington Star*.

BROWN. — Would n't that jar you?

BLACK. — What?

BROWN. — An earthquake. — *Norristown Herald*.

WE have noticed that the announcement of an engagement always comes from the bride's family, and that the groom's family are the most skeptical. — *Atchison Globe*.

BILL. — I see they won't let the automobiles in Central Park.

JILL. — No; I guess they're afraid they'd wake up the policemen. — *Yonkers Statesman*.

AN Atchison girl would be a good singer if she could refrain, while singing, from trying to make a rosebud of her mouth. — *Atchison Globe*.

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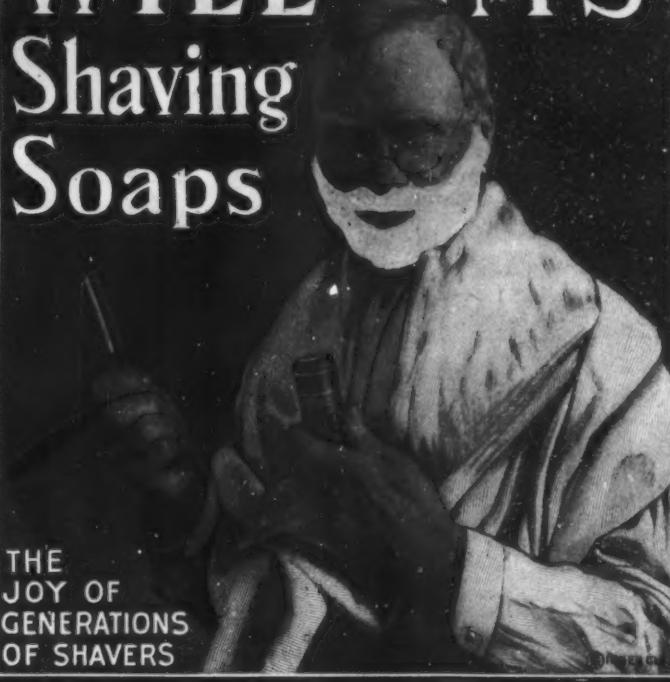
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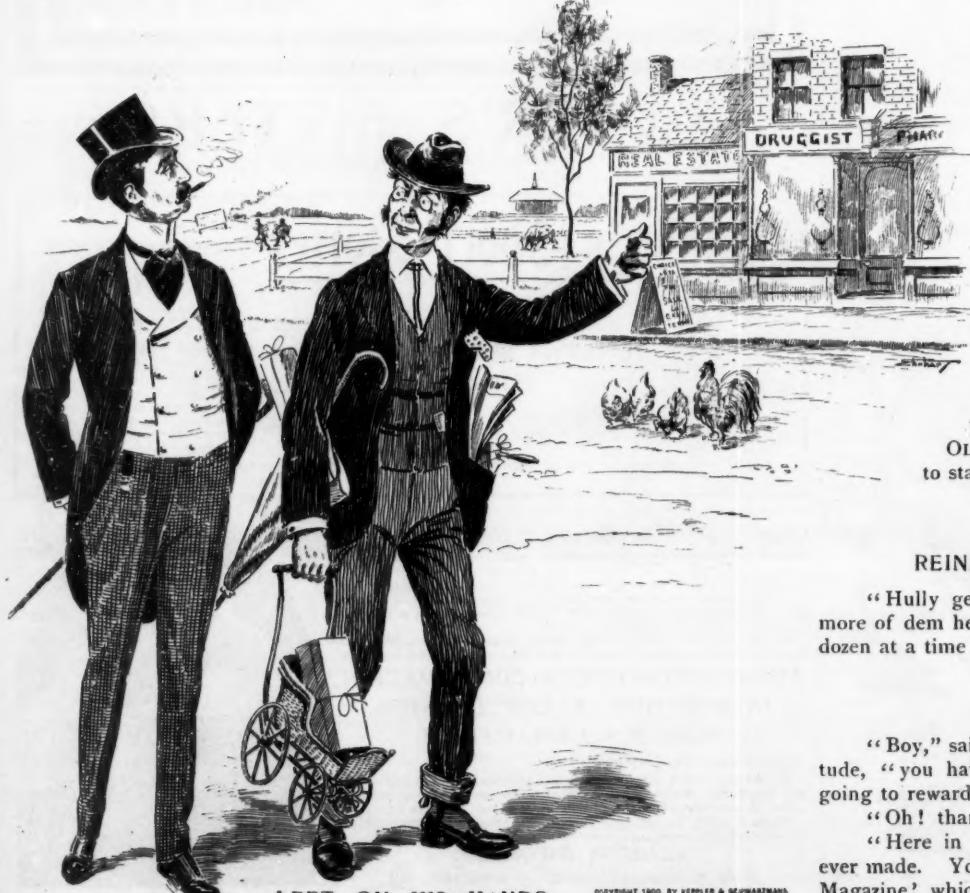
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OLD LADY.—Land sakes! I thought they had to stay on the rails.—*New York Weekly*.



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MARIA.—How did he come to git his feet soaking wet?
JANE.—Mudder bought him a new pair uv rubber boots!

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THE DOWNWARD PATH.

MISS CLEEK.—How did you come to form the tramping habit?
WEARY WALKER.—I started out by being a golfer, Mum!